[English]

Visitors from USA

2679. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL :
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are keeping a watch on the high profile visitors from USA who are spreading anti-national sentiments in Jammu and Kashmir on religious basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) As a part of the policy of openness and transparency being followed by the Government, a number of foreign visitors, including diplomats and other prominent personalities from various countries, including USA, have been visiting Jammu and Kashmir from time to time. This policy has had a positive impact. Public pronouncements or activities of such visitors suggesting that they are spreading anti-national sentiments on religious basis have not come to the notice of the Government.

Rogatory Letters

2680. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rogatory letters issued by the Central Bureau of Investigation to foreign countries during the last one year; and

(b) the details of cases in which the Central Bureau of Investigation has to restore to issueing of letter of rogatories and the action completed by the recipient countries on the request of CBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) During the year 1996, 35 Letters rogatory in respect of 12 cases were issued to different countries. The details of these cases are given in the statement attached.

Statement

S.No.	Case No.	Letter Rogatory issued	Action taken by the Recipient
1	2	3	4
1.	RC 4/92-ACU.VI/V	I LR sent to Australia II LR sent to Japan III LR sent to Switzerland IV LR sent to Hongkong	On receipt of reply from Australia, a team of CBI officers was sent to collect the documents on 24.1.1997. No reply has so far been received from Japan, Switzerland and Hongkong.
2.	RC 2/93-ACU.V	LR sent to Singapore	No response received from Singapore so far.
3.	RC 1/94-ACU.V	LR sent to U.S.A. (Distt. Boston)	No response received from USA.
4.	RC 3(A)/96-ACU.I	LRs issued by the court	
		1. Switzerland 2. USA 3. Turkey 4. UAE 5. UK 6. Greece	Switzerland, Turkey and USA have accepted the LRs and action has been initiated by them. Communication in this regard is awaited from U.K., Greece and U.A.E.
5.	RC 2(S)/94-SIG	LR sent to Dubai	The result of the Letter Rogatory is still awaited.
6.	RC 17/87-SIU.XI dated 13.11.87	LR sent to Switzerland	As a legal requirement the Deptt. of Culture will be filing a civil suit in a competent court in Geneva to prove the ownership of Govt. of India over the coins.